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ULTIMATUM IS AT AN END

Previously...



Destruction rages across the globe. Magneto is to blame.



Heroes have paid the ultimate price...



NOW MAGNETO
MUST BE STOPPED.

CHAPTER FIVE: "THE UGLY TRUTH"

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MAGNETO'S CITADEL.
ABOVE THE ARCTIC CIRCLE.
NOW.

ALL THE OTHER
TIMES WE'VE FOUGHT,
I GUESS I HELD BACK.
CAN'T KILL YOU IF I'M
NOT WILLING TO DIE.
TODAY...?

I'M
WILLING
TO DIE.



YOU'VE
MURDERED
MILLIONS OF
PEOPLE.
HUMANS.
MUTANTS. HEROES.
VILLAINS. IT MADE
NO DIFFERENCE
TO YOU.

FRIENDS.

CHARLES
XAVIER.

SCOTT.
I'M IN LOGAN'S
HEAD. HE'S GOING
TO DO IT.
HE'S
GOING TO
KILL HIM...

THEN,
MAYBE THAT'S
HOW THIS
HAS TO END,
JEAN.

YOU
THINK YOU'RE
GOD?
THAT
YOU'LL DESTROY
THE EARTH AND
MAKE IT OVER IN
YOUR IMAGE?
I GOT
NEWS FOR
YOU...

...IF
YOU'RE
GOD--

-- THEN
GOD IS
DEAD!



I WON'T
BE JUDGED BY
SOMEONE LESS
THAN A MAN --
-- AND NO
MORE THAN
AN ANIMAL.

DO YOU
HONESTLY
BELIEVE YOU CAN
STOP ME?

YOU
CAN'T EVEN STOP
YOURSELVES.

AN OPEN VISOR.
AN IRON MAN...



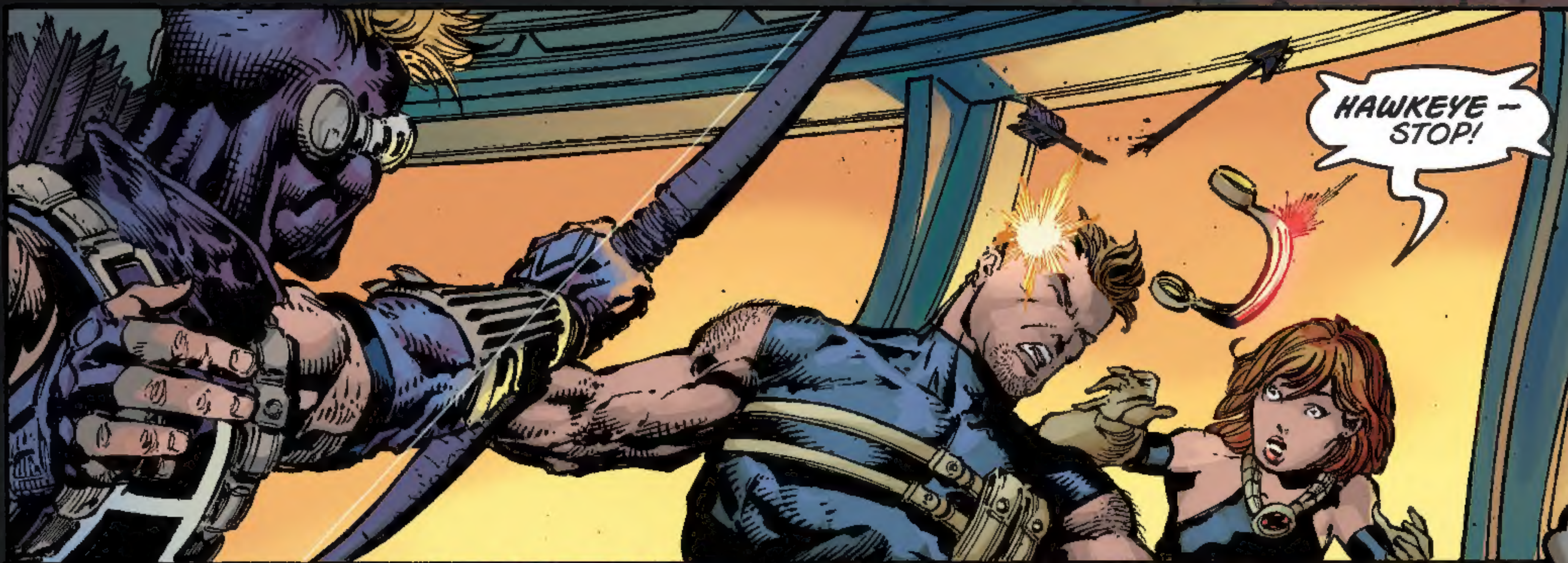
MY
EYES -- !



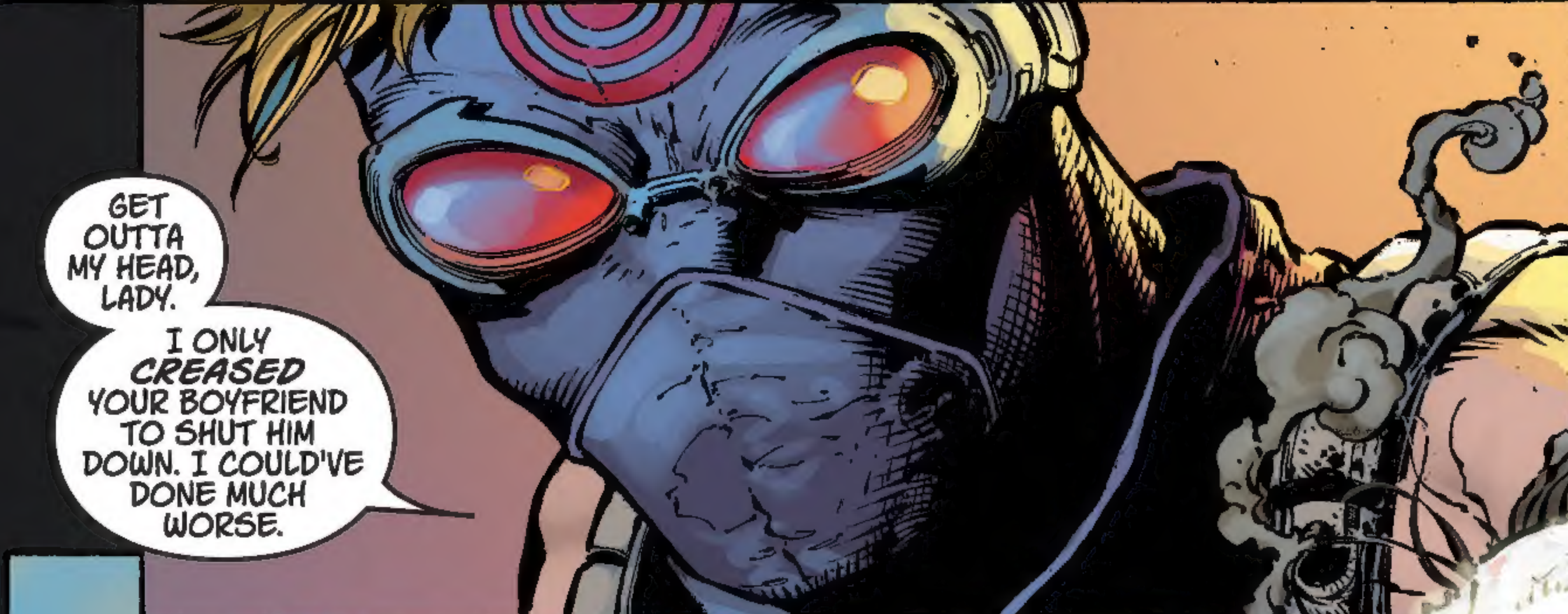
ARMOR.
OVERRIDE NOW.
DAMMIT!

NO!





HAWKEYE -
STOP!



GET
OUTTA
MY HEAD,
LADY.

I ONLY
CREASED
YOUR BOYFRIEND
TO SHUT HIM
DOWN. I COULD'VE
DONE MUCH
WORSE.



I'M SORRY,
TONY...



DESPITE HIS
MONGREL INSTINCT
TO SURVIVE...
IT'S TOO LATE.

YOU KILLED
WOLVERINE.



GUHNN

NOT YET.



THEN.
DIE.
NOW.



LOGAN...

OMIGOD...
HE TORE
THE ADAMANTIUM
OFF OF HIS
SKELETON...

MAGNETO'S CITADEL.
DOWN BELOW.

HULK LISTEN TO
JEAN GREY.

SMASH
ENGINES!

I'D
RATHER BE UP
THERE WITH THEM
RIPPING INTO
MAGNETO...

I DON'T THINK
MAGNETO WOULD CARE MUCH
FOR THAT. YOUR DEATHS
ON THE OTHER HAND...

YARRHH

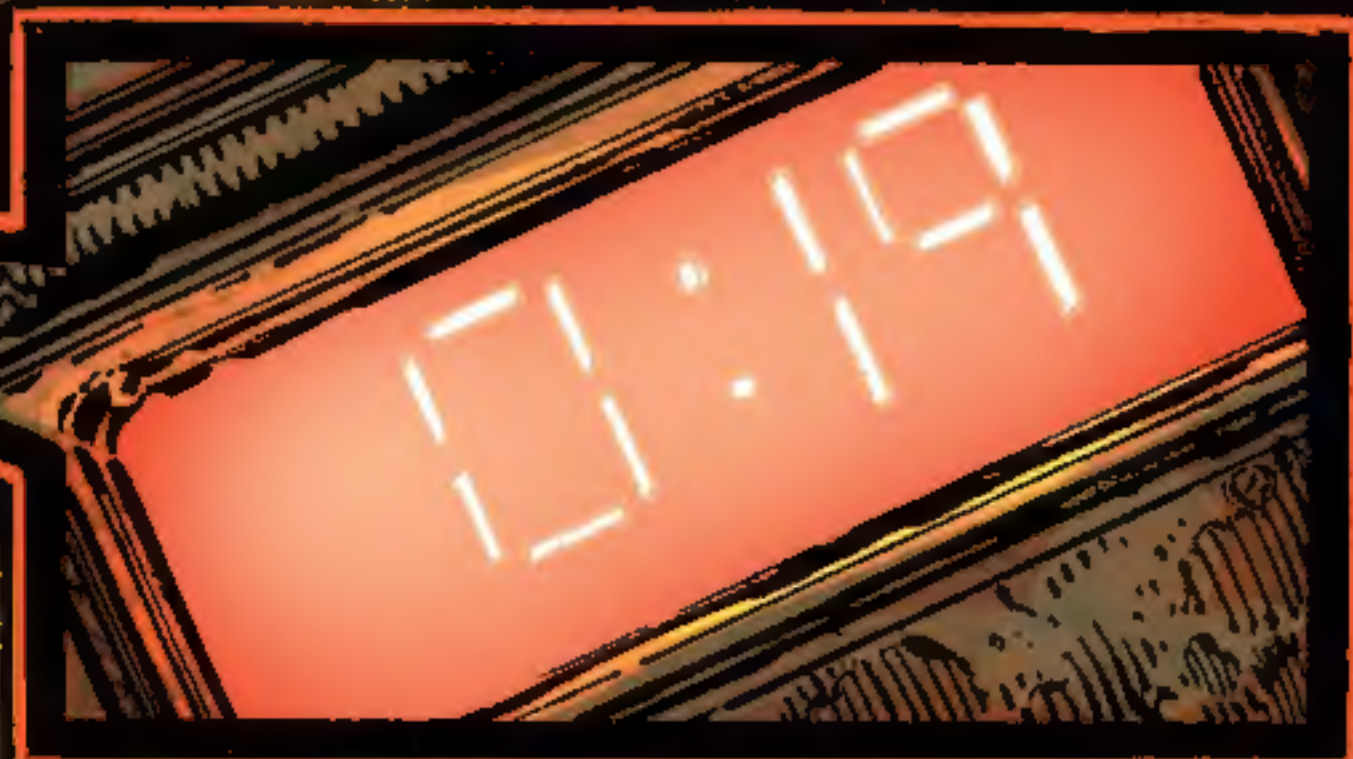
HULK EAT
BLUE LADY!

OH, @#%.

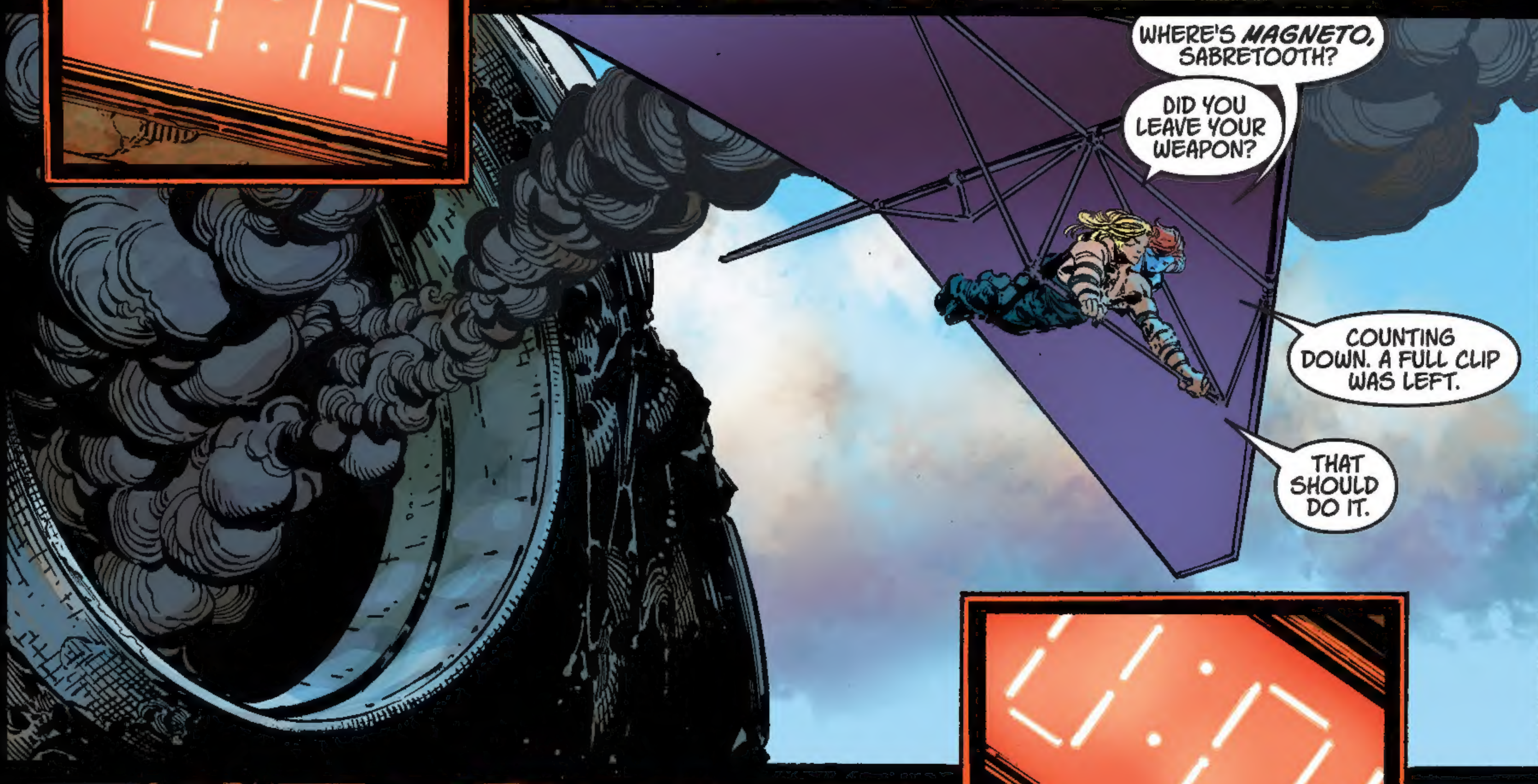


HOW COULD YOU HAVE FOLLOWED HIM, MYSTIQUE?

LISTENED TO THE HATE -- THE MADNESS --



TIME TO GO.



WHERE'S *MAGNETO*, SABRETOOTH?

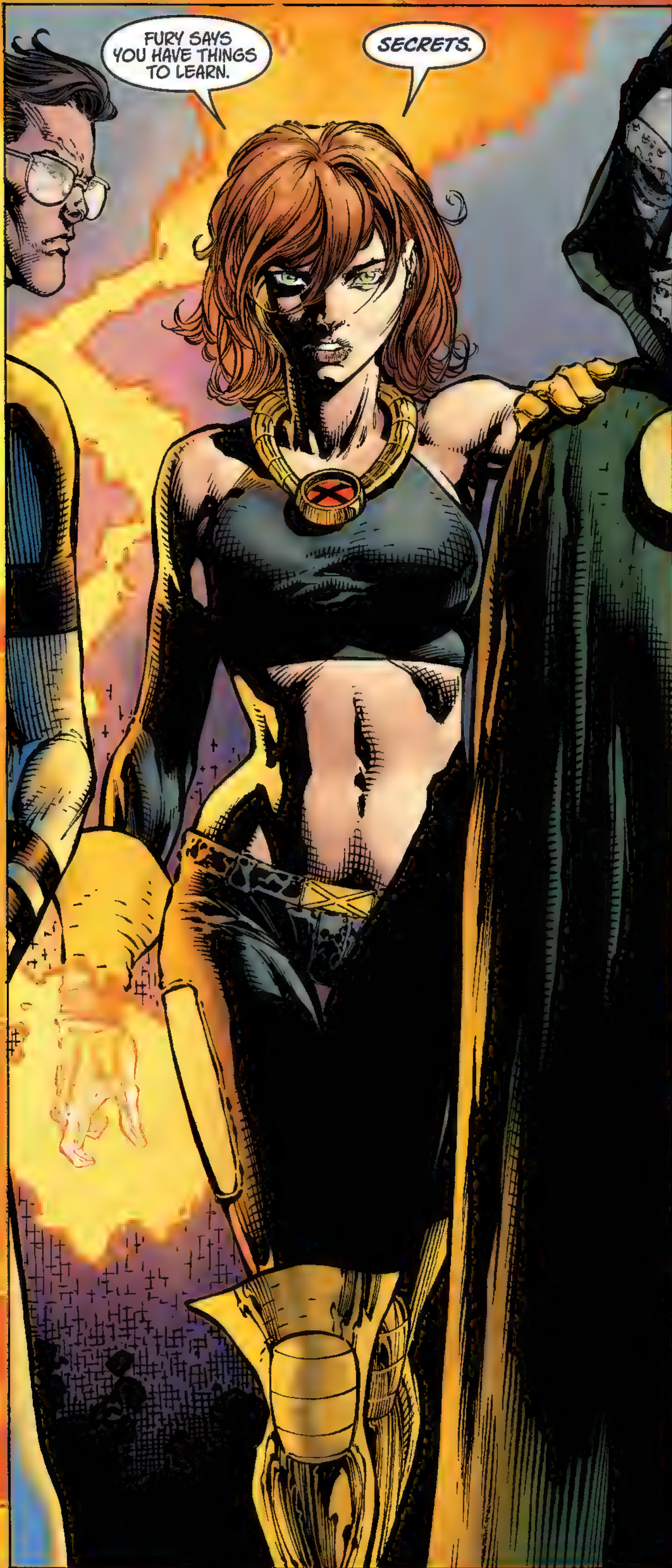
DID YOU LEAVE YOUR WEAPON?

COUNTING DOWN. A FULL CLIP WAS LEFT.

THAT SHOULD DO IT.

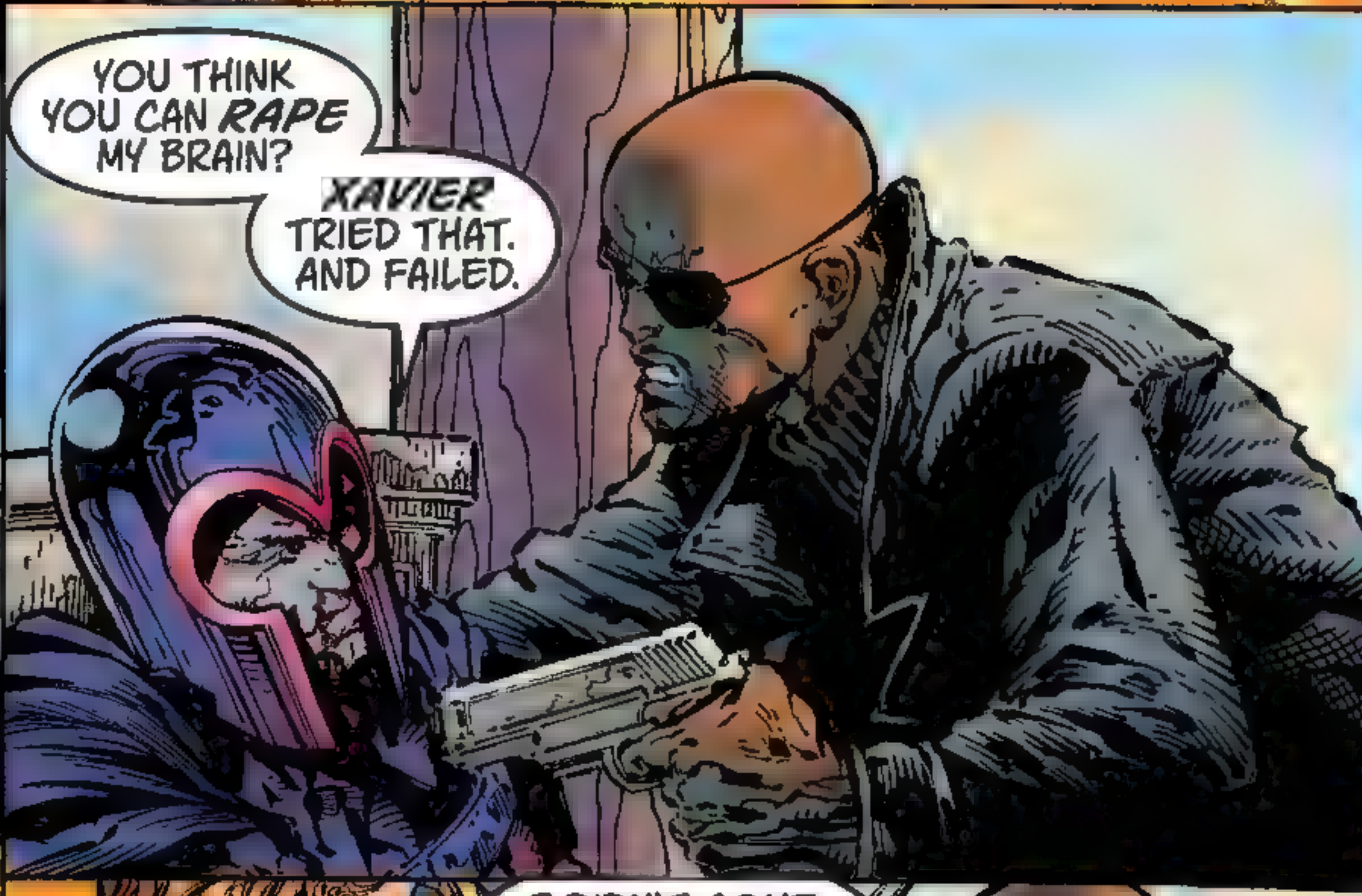






FURY SAYS YOU HAVE THINGS TO LEARN.

SECRETS.



YOU THINK YOU CAN RAPE MY BRAIN?

XAVIER TRIED THAT. AND FAILED.



I DIDN'T COME ALL THE WAY BACK HERE TO CHANGE YOUR MIND.



I CAME HERE TO OPEN IT.



MAN AND MUTANT. IT MADE THINGS SO BLACK AND WHITE FOR YOU.

EVERYTHING WRONG IN YOUR LIFE. EVERYTHING WAS BECAUSE OF US HUMANS. HOMO. SAPIEN.

SO... WHAT IF YOU -- BY PLAYING GOD COULD CHANGE ALL THAT? WASH AWAY ALL THOSE... INFERIORS?

THERE'S ONLY ONE PROBLEM, ERIK.

THE TRUTH.

MUTANTS WEREN'T CHOSEN BY GOD.

WE CREATED NEW LIFE. A NEW SPECIES.

NEW SPECIES OF WHAT?

HOMO SUPERIOR. MUTANTS. WE CREATED THEM. RIGHT HERE. WE DID IT. IT'S ALL HERE.

MAN CREATED MUTANTS?

BURN THIS PLACE. EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE.

THEY WEREN'T GENETICALLY GIFTED. OR ABERRATIONS EITHER.

THEY WERE MADE IN A LABORATORY. BY A CRAZY ASS DOCTOR WHO THOUGHT HE COULD CHANGE THE WORLD.

ORDINARY MEN WHO WERE USED LIKE LAB RATS TO BE SUPER-SOLDIERS.

THAT'S ALL YOU ARE, YOU BASTARD.

JUST A MAN. NO DIFFERENT FROM THE MILLIONS YOU KILLED THINKING YOU'D BE MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

A SELF-LOATHING. SELF-DESTRUCTIVE. HOMO. SAPIEN.

IT WAS MY SIN THAT KEPT IT HIDDEN. THAT MADE IT MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SHOW YOU THE TRUTH.

THE UGLY TRUTH.

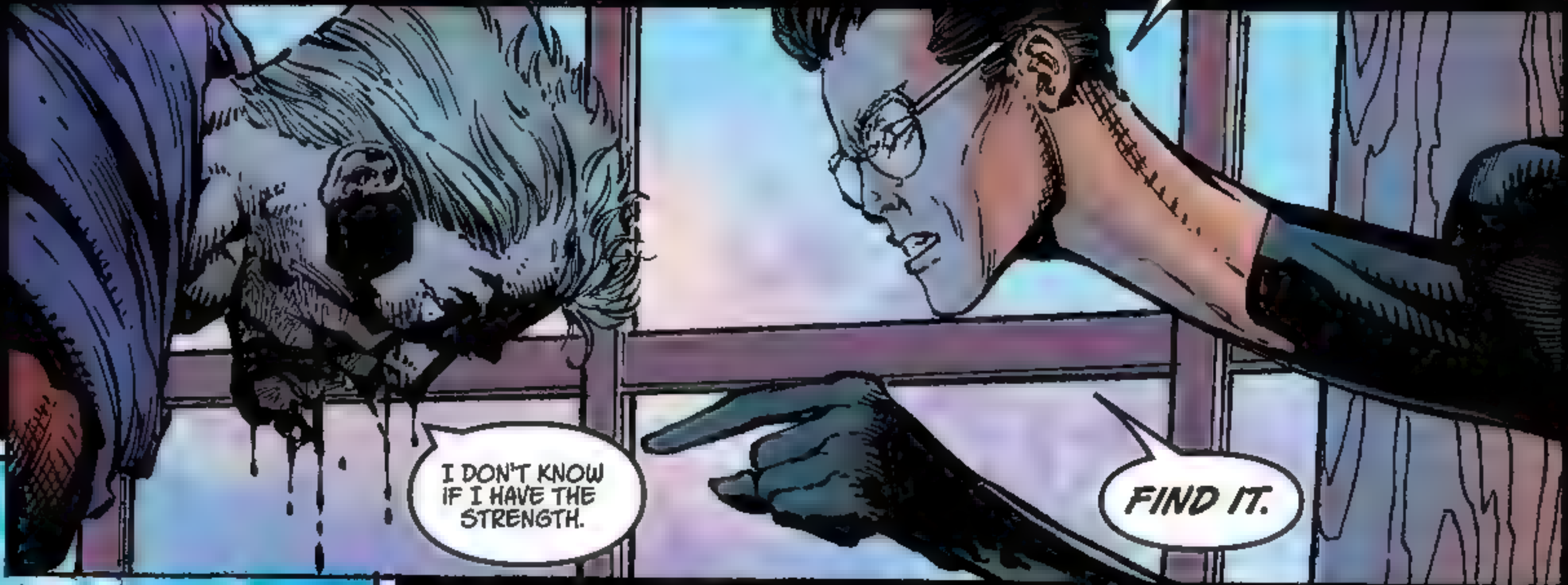


WHAT...
WHAT HAVE
I DONE...?

YOU SHIFTED
THE MAGNETIC
POLES.

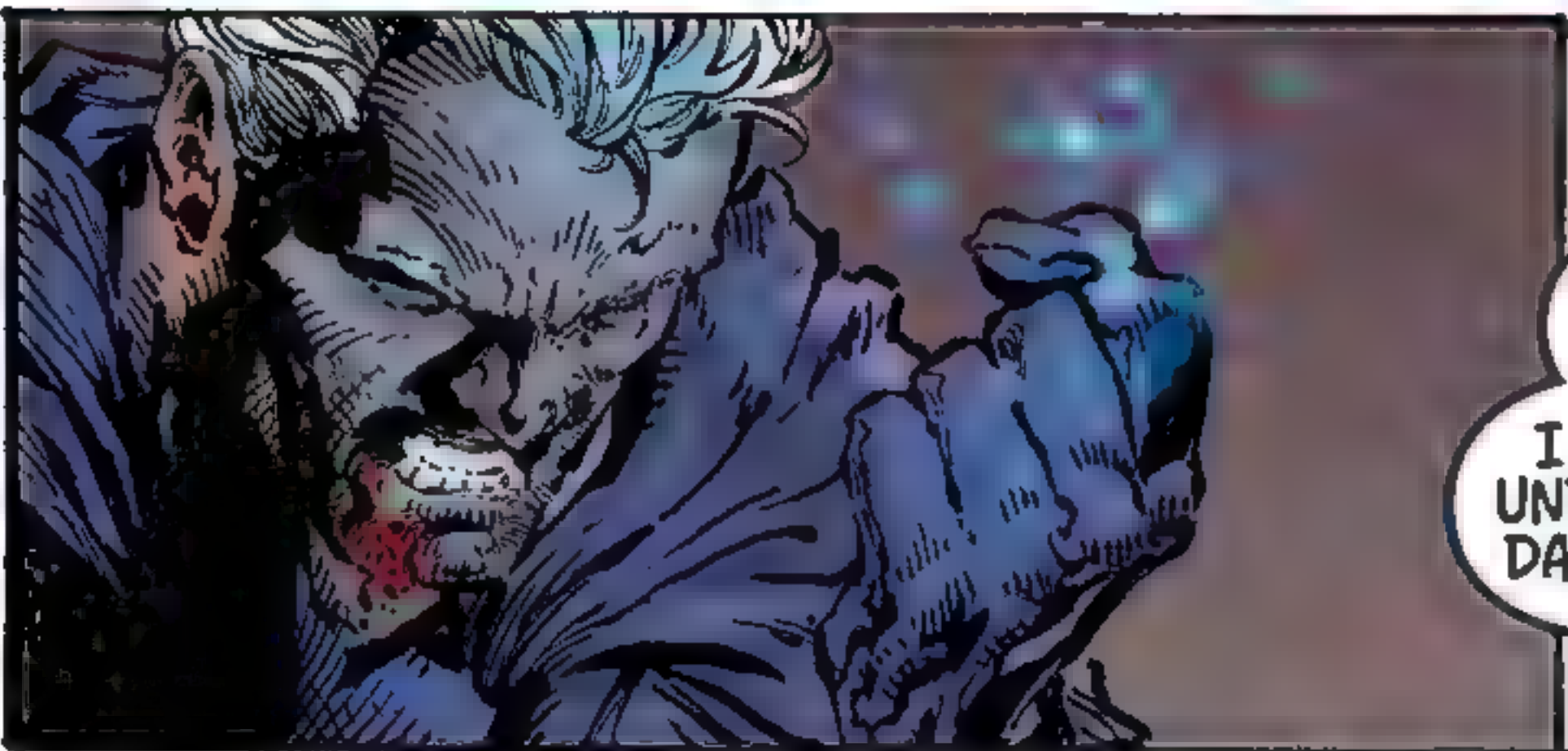
THE
EARTH IS OFF
ITS AXIS.

IT HAS TO BE
REPAIRED.



I DON'T KNOW
IF I HAVE THE
STRENGTH.

FIND IT.



IT'S...
DONE.

I CAN'T
UNDO THE
DAMAGE...

...BUT THE
DANGER HAS
PASSED...



LET ME
HELP YOU,
ERIK.

JUST LIKE
CHARLES
DID FOR YOU
ALL THOSE
YEARS...



CHARLES...?

CHARLES WILL UNDERSTAND.

CHARLES WILL FORGIVE ME...

CHARLES IS DEAD. YOU KILLED HIM WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.

THERE'S NO ONE LEFT TO FORGIVE YOU.

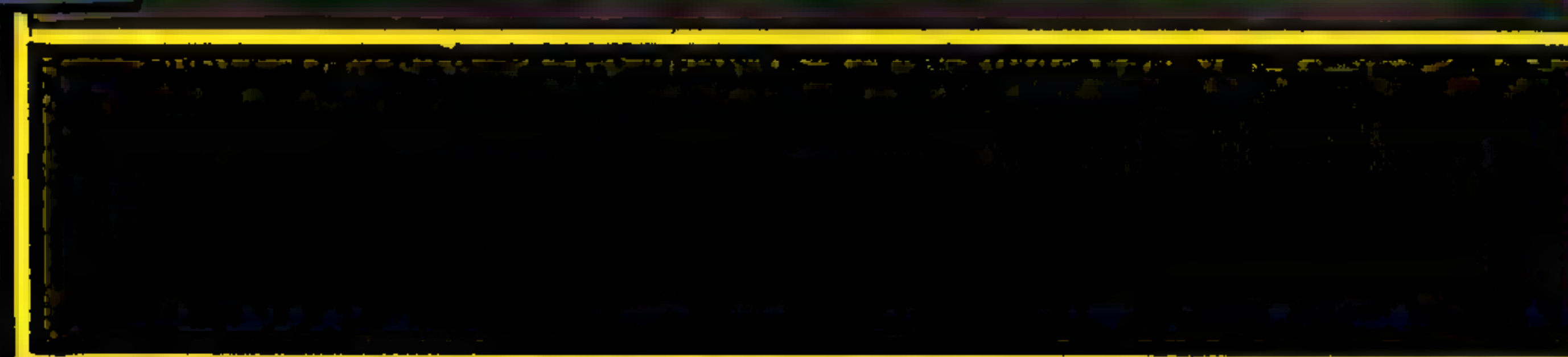
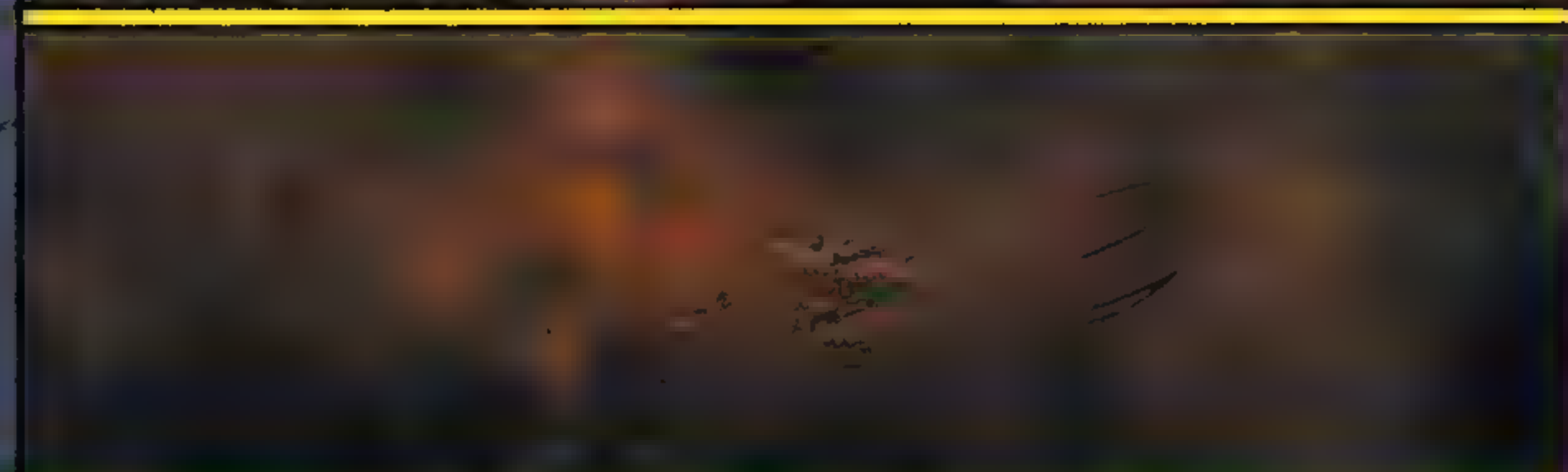
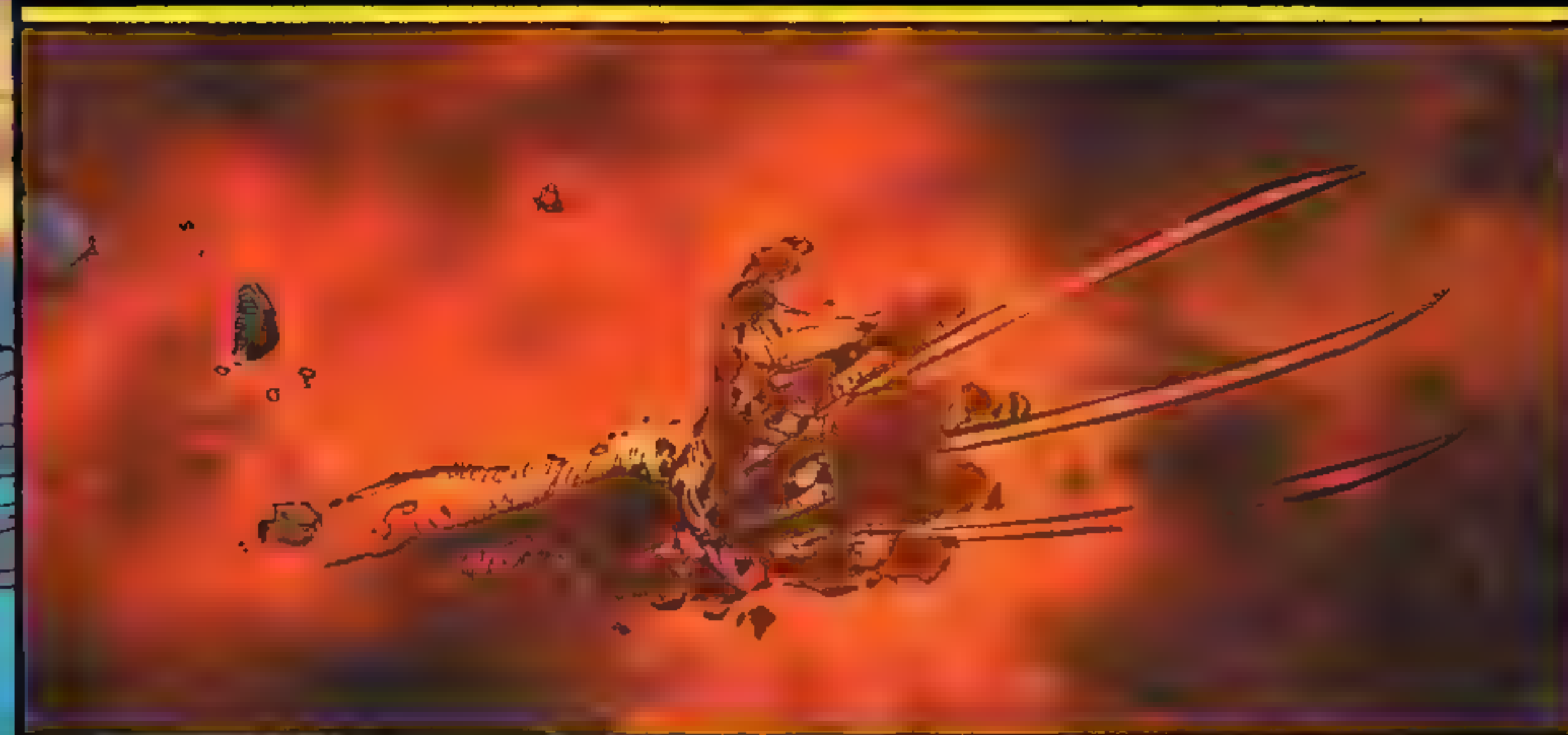
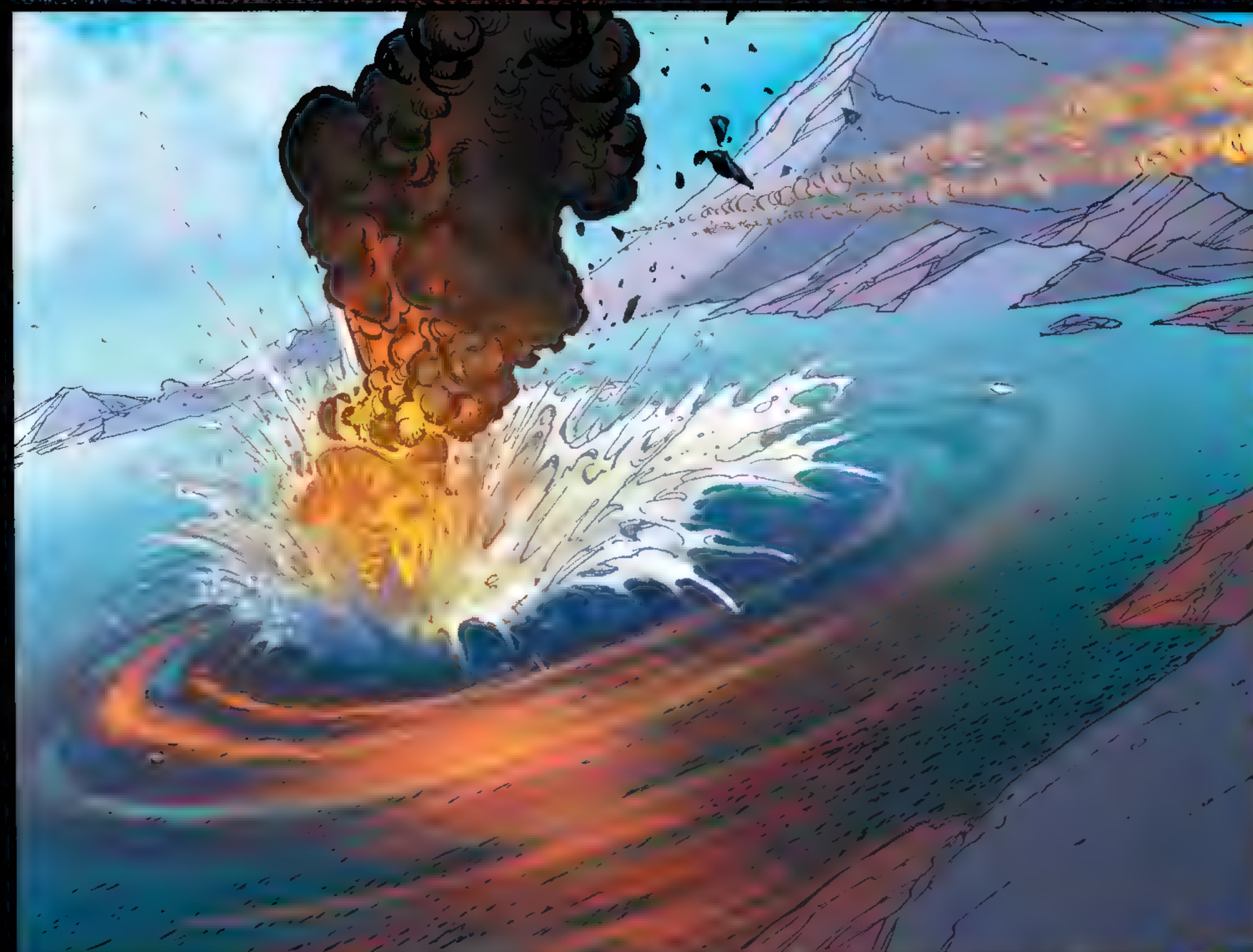
AND NO ONE EVER WILL



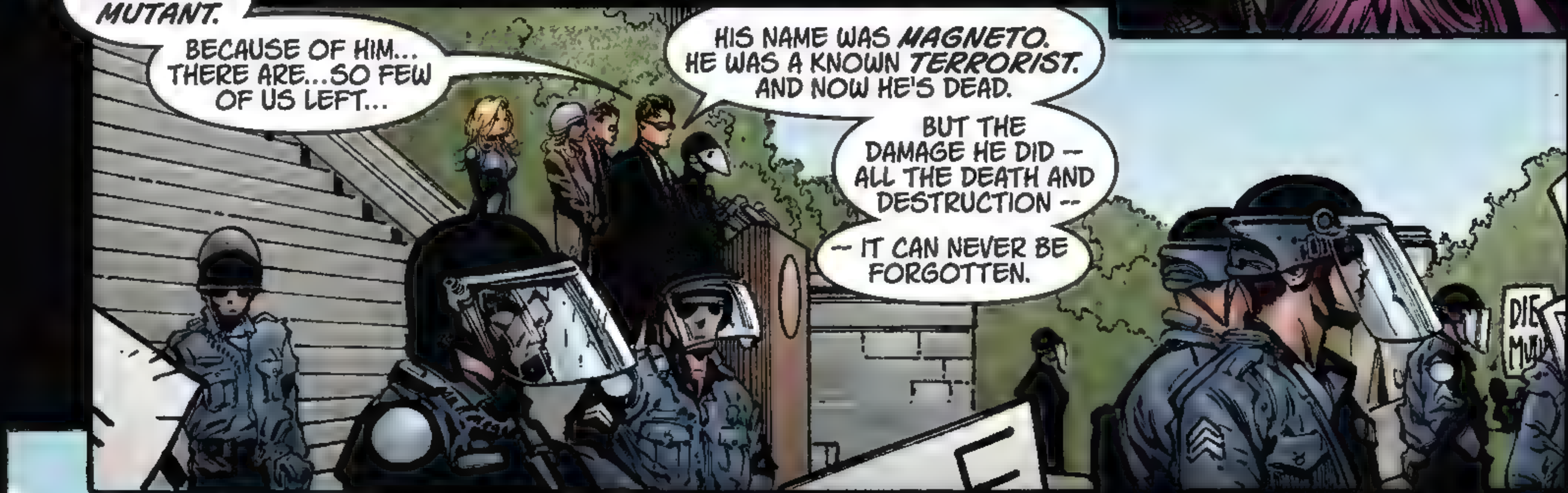
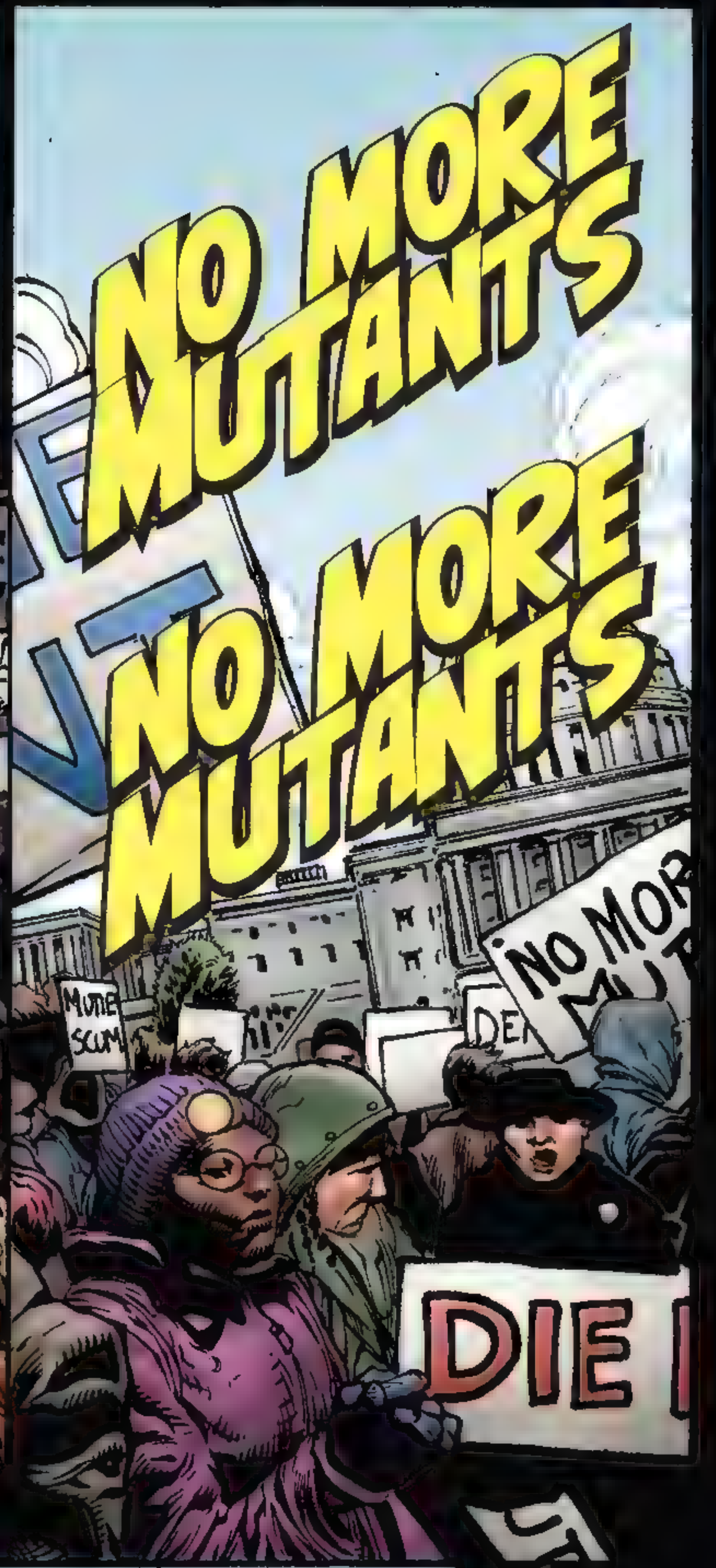
HULK IS HUNGRY.



BOYS AND GIRLS.
THE BUS IS LEAVING.
PARTY'S OVER.



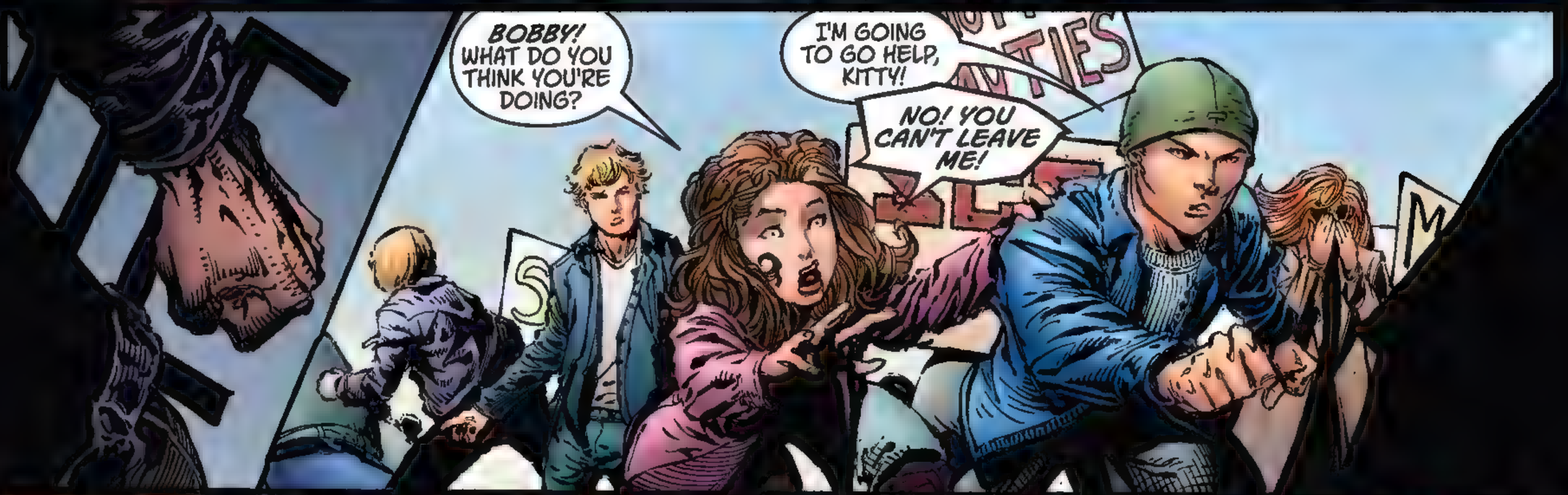
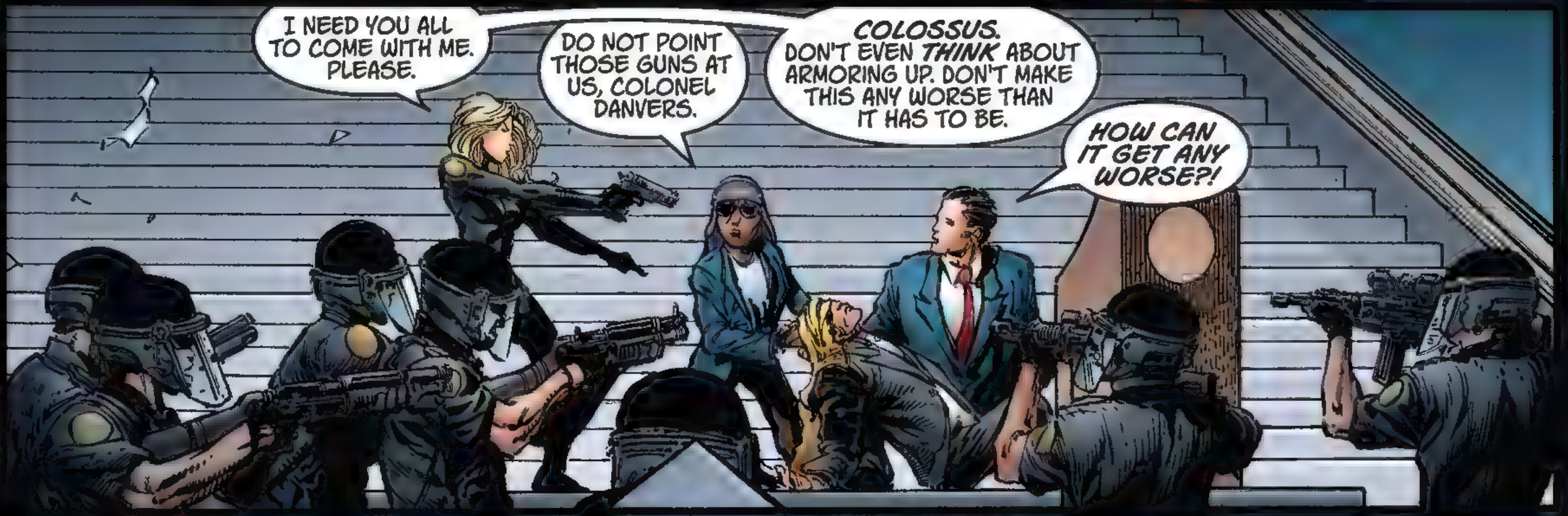
EIGHT DAYS LATER





BOOM





CASTLE VAN DAMME.
LATVERIA. EASTERN EUROPE.
THAT NIGHT.

AND SO IT
ENDS...

I HAVE SO
LITTLE TO SHOW
FOR MY PART IN
ALL THIS...

...EXCEPT YOU,
NAMOR. THE LAST
PRISONER --



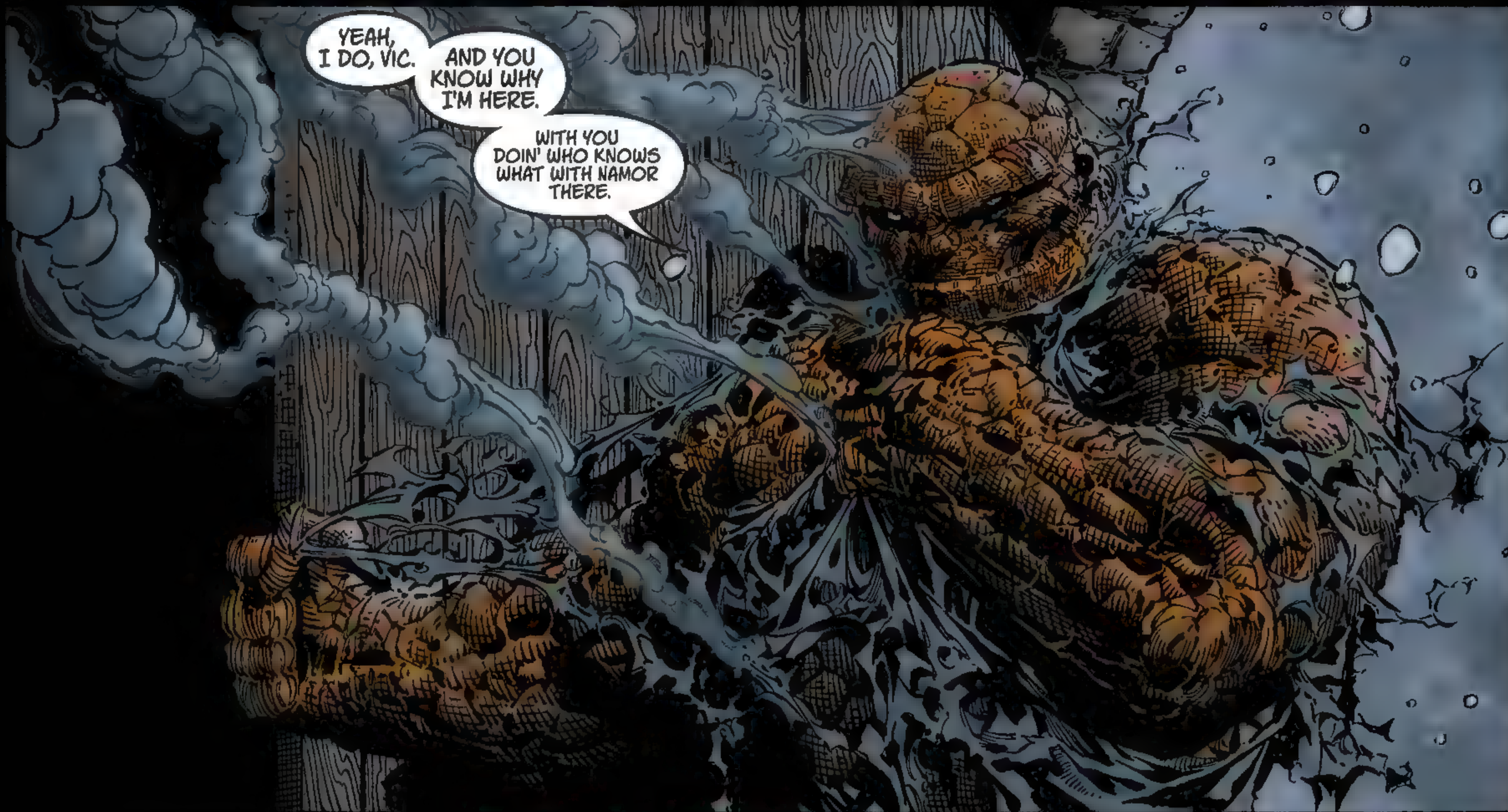
-- HOW DID
YOU GET IN
HERE?

REED TOLD
ME WHAT YA
DID.

PUSHIN'
MAGNETO'S BUTTONS.
KILLIN' HIS DAUGHTER.
MAKIN' IT SO HE'D GO TO WAR.
THINKIN' YOU GET ALL THE
LEFTOVERS.

ACTIN'
LIKE THE WORLD
WAS YOURS TO
PLAY WITH.

YOU DARE --



YEAH,
I DO, VIC.

AND YOU
KNOW WHY
I'M HERE.

WITH YOU
DOIN' WHO KNOWS
WHAT WITH NAMOR
THERE.



THIS
IS *MY* HOME.
LEAVE NOW. OR
I WILL DESTROY
YOU.

REED
DOESN'T HAVE
THE STOMACH
FOR IT.

BUT, YA
GOTTA PAY
FOR WHAT YOU
DID.

HOW
EVERYTHING THAT
HAPPENED...

...IT WAS
ALL YOUR
FAULT.



NOOO--
ACKKKK...



YOU
HADDA PAY
FOR WHAT
YOU DID...

THE FABLED LAND OF WUNDAGORE.
BAVARIAN ALPS.
TOMORROW.

IT'S DONE.

CYCLOPS HAS BEEN
ASSASSINATED.

I PUSHED THIS
THROUGH HIS BRAIN. THE
SAME BULLET THEY SHOT
THE SCARLET WITCH
WITH...

...I THOUGHT
YOU'D APPRECIATE
THE IRONY.

ANY
PROBLEMS?

NO.
IT WAS
QUICK.

GOOD,
PIETRO.
WHEN THE TIME IS
RIGHT, WE'LL START
OVER AGAIN WITHOUT
ANYONE TO
OPPOSE US.

IT IS AS
IT SHOULD BE.
AS **YOU**
PLANNED.

HE'D GROWN SOFT.
COMPLACENT.
MUCH AS IT PAINS US
TO ADMIT IT.

ONLY WHEN HE
BELIEVED I HAD DIED...
THAT HE HAD
LOST HIS CHILDREN...
DID HE DO WHAT WAS
NECESSARY.

HIS
VENGEANCE
CLEARED THE PATH
FOR A BETTER
WORLD.

MY **FATHER**
IS GONE NOW...

...BUT HIS
DREAM LIVES
ON...

DEDICATED TO
BRIAN, MARK,
BILL J. AND
JOE Q WHO
STARTED IT ALL...

IN MEMORIAM

HONORING THOSE WHO DIED IN ULTIMATUM

Angel Beast Blob Cannonball Captain Britain and the European Initiative

Cipher Cyclops Daredevil Dazzler Detonator Forge

Dr. Emma Frost Hardrive Juggernaut Longshot Lorelei Madrox

Magneto Nightcrawler Polaris Psylocke Hank Pym (Yellowjacket)

Janet Pym (Wasp) Dr. Franklin Storm Dr. Stephen Strange Sunspot Syndicate

Thor Toad Victor van Damme (Doom) Wolverine Prof. Charles Xavier

MISSING IN ACTION

Firestar

Havok

Spider-Man

THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN NEW YORK CITY,
LATVERIA, LONDON, WAKANDA, THE SAVAGE LAND AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN:



ULTIMATUM:
SPIDER-MAN REQUIEM #2



ULTIMATUM:
FANTASTIC FOUR REQUIEM #1



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